

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF ORAL ARGUMENTS

DOCKET NO. 2017-381-A

Office of Regulatory Staff's Petition for an Order Requiring Utilities to Report the Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

On May 23, 2018, and June 6, 2018, during the Regularly Scheduled Commission Business Meetings, the following motions were made and approved by the commissioners:

Petition for Rehearing or Reconsideration of Order No. 2018-252 Filed by LandTech, LLC and Lake Carolina Development, Inc.: “The order at issue, No. 2018-252, granted the utilities’ requests to include a tax multiplier provision in their approved rate schedules. This and other substantive issues have been raised in Docket No. 2017-381-A which need to be addressed. Therefore, I move to grant rehearing and schedule oral argument regarding the issues raised by the parties. I further move that we suspend operation of Order 2018-252 in the interim.”

CUC, Inc.’s Request for Modification of Rate Schedule, without Notice: “Many substantive issues have been raised in Docket No. 2017-381-A which need to be addressed. Therefore, I move that the Commission suspend consideration of CUC’s request and schedule oral argument on the issues raised in this Docket.”

Joint Petition for Rehearing or Reconsideration Filed on Behalf of Palmetto Utilities, Inc. and Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC:

“In their Joint Petition, Palmetto Utilities and Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation seek rehearing or reconsideration from Order No. 2018-308. They state that calculating and deferring the effects from the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in a regulatory liability account, as required by that Order, creates a situation of impermissible retroactive ratemaking to the extent that it may be required to refund lawfully collected rates to customers. The utilities also allege that it denies due process by reducing a lawful rate without notice and an opportunity to be heard, and they further argue the Order wrongly maintains that a just and reasonable utility rate may be determined with reference to a single expense, without consideration of the other expense components and authorized revenues.”

“This Commission has already granted reconsideration of Order No. 2018-252 in this Docket by Order No. 2018-370 (issued on June 1, 2018), and I move that we also grant reconsideration for the issues raised in the Joint Petition for Order No. 2018-308. Although I am not indicating by this motion any decision on the merits of the Companies’ arguments, I move that this matter warrants additional consideration and the scheduling of oral arguments on the issues. Staff has been directed to set an argument date by Order No. 2018-370 when the affected companies can present their views, and I believe that these issues can be heard at that time.”

Kiawah Island Utility, Inc.’s Petition for Rehearing or Reconsideration:

“Kiawah Island Utility petitions for rehearing or reconsideration from Order No. 2018-308 for similar reasons to Palmetto Utilities and Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation in the previous item.”

“Although I am not indicating by this motion any decision on the merits of the Company’s arguments, I move that this matter warrants additional consideration and the scheduling of oral arguments on the issues. Therefore, I move that we grant reconsideration and allow the Company to address the issues raised by its Petition at the oral arguments scheduled by operation of Order No. 2018-370.”

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Commission Order Numbers 2018-363, 2018-370, 2018-404 and 2018-405, Oral Arguments in the above-named docket are scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

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